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On instruction from our Governments, we wish to express profound concern regarding the statement of 21 April by the Bosnian Serb liaison officer at the Sarajevo airport that his authorities would neither guarantee the safety of United Nations aircraft if German and United States Contact Group members proceeded to Sarajevo for meetings with the Bosnian Government nor their safety for the transfer from Sarajevo airport into the city.

Our Governments are equally concerned by recent statements of Bosnian Serb leader Karadzic that he may impose conditions on the use of the Sarajevo airport by diplomatic delegations.

Our Governments believe that these threats must be rejected in the strongest terms. To do otherwise would allow the Bosnian Serbs to restrict access to an airport which is under the control of the United Nations and thereby interfere with Contact Group and other diplomatic efforts to achieve a peaceful diplomatic solution.

We therefore support the position of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) that recent actions by the Bosnian Serbs to obstruct the normal functioning of the airport are totally unacceptable.

We request that you keep the Council informed of developments related to this issue so that further action can be taken if necessary.

We would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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